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December 22, 1994

Brad D. Palmer, Area Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Grand Resource Area  
82 East Dogwood  
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Environmental Assessment (EA) - Plan of Operations, Absolute Mining & Minerals, Inc.(AMMI), Dolores River Placer Operations (UTU-72488), S/019/035, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Thank you for the information regarding this operation forwarded by Sal Venticinque of your office. The Division received the packet of information on December 16, 1994. Our file number for this project will be S/019/035. As described under the current MOU between our agencies, we will forward our permitting concerns regarding this project to your office. We understand that an EA is currently being prepared for this project. Please send us a copy of the EA when it is completed.

From the information we have received to date, it appears this project will create a surface disturbance of five acres or less, however, a breakdown of this total acreage figure was not provided. If the disturbance is five acres or less, AMMI will need to satisfy the notice requirements of a Small Mining Operation as defined by the Division Rules. All the information needed to satisfy these requirements would most likely be contained in the completed EA.

If the project will disturb more than five acres as defined by our rules, AMMI will need to satisfy our notice requirements for Large Mining Operations. A majority of the information needed to satisfy the Large Mining Operation Notice of Intention would probably be contained in the completed EA. Under our rules, pre-existing disturbances which have been reimpacted are also considered part of the disturbed area. To assist you and the operator in determining whether the project will disturb more than five acres as defined under Division rules we provide the following definition:



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*"Land affected" means the surface and subsurface of an area within the state where mining operations are being or will be conducted, including, but not limited to: (a) on-site private ways, roads and railroads; (b) land excavations; (c) exploration sites; (d) drill sites or workings; (e) refuse banks or spoil piles; (f) evaporation or settling ponds; (g) stockpiles; (h) leaching dumps; (i) placer areas; (j) tailings ponds or dumps; (k) work, parking, storage, or waste discharge areas, structures and facilities.*

Thank you and your office for the assistance in this and other permitting matters. If you have any questions, or require additional information in this matter, please contact me or Wayne Hedberg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos".

Anthony A. Gallegos  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Don Dallape, AMMI  
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